

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 644 - HB 1166

March 9, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Children's services (DCS) to provide a child in foster care with contact information for each sibling who is not in the same home as the child if maintaining contact with the sibling is in the best interest of the child. Prohibits DCS from restricting a foster child from contact with the child's sibling as a form of punishment.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$140,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004451): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to require DCS to provide a child in foster care with the contact information for each sibling who is also in foster care, rather than for all siblings.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by DCS, the Department already keeps the contact information for all siblings of children in custody who are also in custody. There will be no increase in expenditures to provide this information.
- Any impact to DCS is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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